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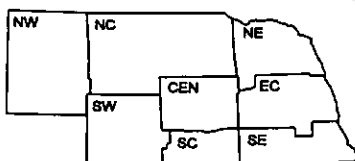
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WEATHER

Temperatures across Nebraska averaged one to five degrees above normals for the week. Only a few traces of precipitation were reported across the State.

GENERAL

Extreme, dry conditions continued to prevail across the State, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Wheat conditions in the southeast were still of great interest because of germination problems and possible winter kill related to shortage of soil moisture. Fire danger also remained a concern of many producers. Corn and sorghum harvest continued to progress towards completion. Some fall tillage occurred, however, dry, hard soils limited activities. Hay stacks and round bales were being brought closer to farmsteads in preparation for winter. Main activities included cattle processing, caring for livestock, fencing, cleaning harvest equipment, and loans and LDP processing.

CROPS

Corn harvest reached 94%, ahead of 86% last year and 83% average. Corn was being stored in alternative sites due to a shortage of space in some local elevators. High winds early in the week contributed to stalk breakage.

Sorghum harvest rated 93% complete, just ahead of 89% last year and 88% average.

Wheat conditions rated 7% very poor, 9% poor, 28% fair, 49% good 7% excellent.

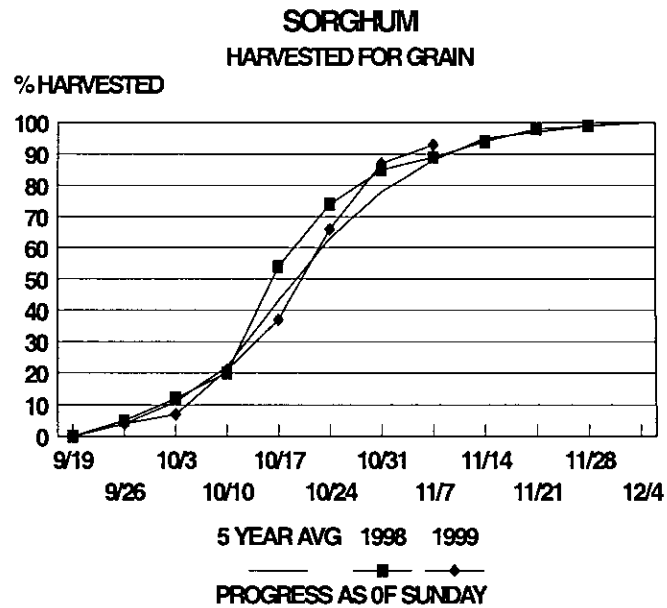
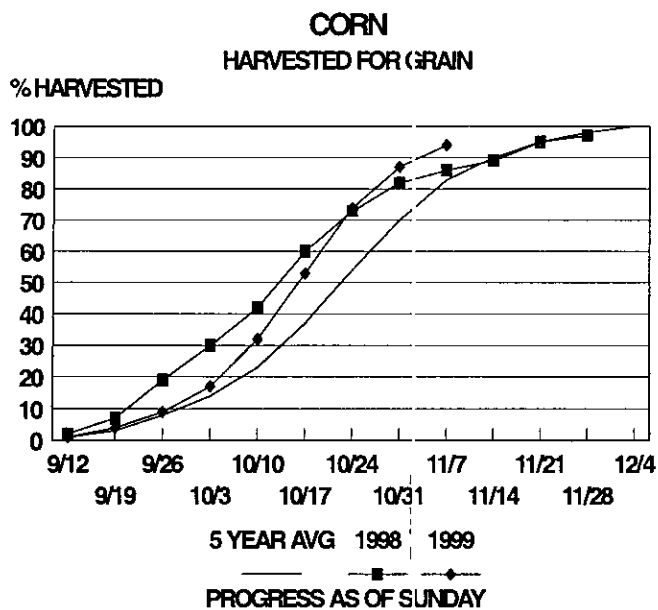
LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Pasture and range conditions declined and rated 13% very poor, 16% poor, 33% fair, 36% good, and 2% excellent. Cattle were being moved off pastures and range to crop stubble fields.

CROP PROGRESS AS OF NOVEMBER 7, 1999	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% Corn Harvested	88	97	98	97	96	84	96	98	94	87	86	83
% Sorghum Harvested	n/a	98	100	98	95	80	87	96	93	87	89	88
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF NOVEMBER 5, 1999												
Days suitable	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	1.5	
Topsoil moisture - Very Short	1	14	62	41	39	14	65	97	42	39	0	
(Percent) - Short	66	58	35	58	52	47	35	3	43	43	1	
- Adequate	33	28	3	1	9	39	0	0	15	18	77	
- Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	
Subsoil moisture												
- Very Short	0	11	32	38	22	9	43	89	31	27	1	
(Percent) - Short	13	47	45	39	64	26	46	11	36	38	8	
- Adequate	87	42	23	23	14	65	11	0	33	35	82	
- Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	

n/a = not available.

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TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1999

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	82	10	46	---	0
	Scottsbluff	79	5	45	+3	0
	Sidney	78	8	44	---	0
NC	Valentine	79	9	45	+5	0
NE	Norfolk	73	20	45	+2	0
	Sioux City	71	20	45	+2	0
CEN	Grand Island	74	21	46	+2	0
	Ord	78	16	45	---	0
EC	Lincoln	72	19	47	+2	0
	Omaha	70	25	47	+2	0
SW	Imperial	81	15	46	---	0
	North Platte	79	10	42	+1	0